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nounces His Retirement at

End of Year.

Denies Rumor of Appointment

Under Hylan-Long Ser-

vice in House.

Special Despatch to Two Sex

Although my work has been arduous it has been congenial. If I consulted my personal preferences I should remain in office. In nearly nineteen years continuous service in the House, however, all my time has been absorbed in the discharge of public duties and there has been accordingly to give any attention.

and to make some provision for the fu-

The resignation of Mr. Fitagerald is of the utmost moment, as he heads the

committee which is charged with fram-ing the most important legislation con-sidered by Congress. During the last session the total of the sums for which legislation was drawn in the Appropria-

actually was less than was that of the Brooklyn Representative. Through the retirement of Mr. Fitz-gorald the reins of power in the Appro-

priations Committee will pass to Representative Swager Sheriey of Kentucky.

Mr. Sheriey is next in line in seniority in the committee, and has acted as Mr. Fitzgerald's lieutenant in all of the big

Congress for the ranking majority men

ber of any committee to succeed to the chairmanship whenever it became vacant. This custom has been followed even when it meant that an incompetent man would fill the shoes of his prede-

. Successor an Able Man.

In this case the ranking Democratic member of the committee is remarkably well equipped to carry on the stupendous task which the war has placed on the Appropriations Committee.

Mr. Fitzgerald's retirement comes after almost seven years at the head of

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3 .- Representative

CONGRESS GETS

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BLAZE IN SHIP PLANT SWEEPS 6 BUILDINGS; LOSS PUT AT \$500,000

Enemy Plot Suspected in FITZGERALD TO Dock in Brooklyn.

SOLDIERS TAKE CHARGE

One Foreigner Arrested and All 1,600 Men on Night Shift Detained.

MACHINE SHOP BURNED

Other Important Structures on Five Blocks of Waterfront Also Are Destroyed.

Fire started a few minutes before 10 John J. Fitzgerald of Brooklyn, chair: o'clock last night in the plant of the man of the House Appropriations Com-E. W. Morse Dry Dock and Repair mittee, announced to-day that he would y, which covers five blocks of resign from the House and retire from the waterfront from Pifty-Afth to Sixristh street in Brooklyn, and although four alarms were turned in and all avail- nouncement Mr. Fitzgerald called on the able apparatus was hurried to the scene. President personally and notified him of the flames raged for more than two hours before they were brought under control. Six buildings were destroyed—the carpenter shop, the pattern shop, the resiturant, the machine shops and a wooden barracks in which soldiers were housed—with a loss estimated by officials of the company at \$500,000.

United States Marshal Power, together with Fire Marshal Brophy and the possible recepting public office. He made

United States Marshal Power, together with Fire Marshal Brophy and the police of the Fourth avenue station under Capt James Gillen, immediately started an investigation to determine if the fire was the result of a German plot. Their first step was to surround the dock and the yards of the company with a strong suard of soldiers and policemen and to detain every man of the 1.500 workmen employed on the night shift. No man was allowed to leave the plant or the yards of the company until he had been questioned or had given an account of his movements during the early part of the evening.

He said that he had no intention of ever again accepting public office. He made this announcement:

"At the end of this month I shall retire from Congress to practice iaw in New York. I shall be associated with Mr. Justice Luke D. Stapleton of the New York Supreme Court, now assigned to the Appellate Division, and Mr. William J. Mahon, formerly counsel to the Sheriff of Kings county.

Nearly 19 Years in House.

"It is with considerable regret that I find myself compelled to take this step. Although my work has been arduous it

While the soldiers were clearing the While the soldiers were clearing the vicinity of the plant of civilians and others who had gathered to watch the flames. Private Ingraham of Campany K. Twenty-second U. S. Infantry, arrested a man who described himself as F. Saygo Christiansen of 320 Sixteenth sirest. Brooklyn. Christiansen said he was a Dane and had been in the United States but six months. Private Ingraham told the police, who took the man to the police station to be examined, that Christiansen was crouching and that Christiansen was crouching and running around in a suspicious manner, and that he tried to escape when ordered to halt.

The fire started in the carpenter shop, a one story frame structure at the head of the dry dock at the foot of Fifty-sixth street. A strong north wind was blowing and the flames quickly spread to the frame building in which soldiers, on guard duty at the plant, had been housed since the United States entered the war months and was ong at the end of against Germany. The firemen attacked the flames there, but the wind suddenly shifted to the west and other buildings lying in a semicircle around the ma-chine shop burst into flames.

Fire Spreads Rapidly.

chine shop, a large three story brick building and one of the most important units of the plant. The firemen experi-enced considerable difficulty when they tried to fight the flames around the soldier barracks because of the explosion of a large number of cartridges which had been left in the building when the flames forced the soldiers to leave the

Two alarms were turned in almost O'Hara, and by Deputy Police Commis-soner White and Police Inspector Comtheir hose on the burning buildings, but ers within two or three hundred feet dangered, although as a precautionary measure they were towed by tugs out of possible reach of the fire.

Naval Militiamen Aid.

The firemen were given great assistne Naval Militia, who came under com-

from Fort Hamilton also came over and joined the firemen, helping them move their hose about and forming bucket origades to check the spread of the fames.

The plant of the Morse Dey Dock and Repair Company is one of the largest and most complete shipbuilding and most complete shipbuilding and forming the United States, and congress for almost nineteen years, complete this country entered the war has been the scene of important military activities. It has a value of some \$11,000,000 and was organized by Ed-51.000.000 and was organized by Edward P. Morse and others, who were
connected for many years with the
Morse Iron Works, on the site of the

Close Friends Say.

must bear. Mr. Kitchin expects a new
revenue bill and further bond issues
must be passed to raise money to pay
the war bills.

INSISTS THAT JOHN D.

Politicians not so intimate with Mr. Pitagerald speculated upon the possibility of his becoming Corporation Counsel. They agreed the post of Chamber-lain would not interest him. Judge Hylan and John H. McCooey said they knew nothing of Mr. Fitagerald's plans. Special Despatch to THE BUN. CLEVELAND, Dec. 3.—County Auditor eller's intangible property on the Cuya-loga county tax duplicate for \$5,000,000. This followed receipt of a letter from lookefeller's attorney, W. S. Mitchell.

WAR BUDGET OF \$13,500,000,000

Baker's Request for \$6,615,-936,553 Shows 1,500,000 Army Is Planned.

Brooklyn Representative An- 11 BILLIONS TO FIGHT

Wilson's Message To-day Unlikely to Ask War on Ger-TO PRACTICE LAW HERE many's Allies.

> Special Despatch to Tan Sux. WASHINGTON, Dec. 3 .- When the long session of Congress opened to-day it faced an estimate of \$13.500,000,000, by far the largest in the country's history. for the conduct of the Government during the fiscal year 1919. Of this sum \$11,000,000,000 is asked for war. This fact was the dominant feature of the

meet in joint session at 12:40 P. M. to public life at the end of the present hear the President's message. Congressional leaders are agreed that the month. Just before making this an-

The war budget apparently provides r the raising of an army of 1,500,000 For the military establishment \$6. 615.836.553 is asked. Of this more than a billion is for pay alone. For fortifica-tions it is proposed to expend \$3.32.-455.122 and for the navy \$1,039.860.502.

455.122 and for the navy \$1,039.860,502, although these figures probably do not include new ships to be asked whenever building facilities are available.

Some items of unusual interest in the budget are the following: Food Administration, \$5,000,000; Fuel Administration, \$2,500,000; military information section of General Staff, \$2,000,000; Missail Corns, including, avisates, \$1 Signal Corps, including aviation, \$1.-125,907,809; engineer equipment for troops, including gree and flame devices, \$125,000,000.

The session opened to-day without much excitement in either branch. The Senate adjourned until to-morrow almost immediately out of respect to the late Senator Hunting of Wisconsin, who was accidentally shot and killed on a hunting trip during the recess.

The Senate and House each named three members as a committee to tell

charge of public duties and there has been no opportunity to give any atten-tion to my private affairs.

"The increasing requirements of a large family, the necessity of absenting myself from my wife and chitdren al-most continuously and inability to meet my growing obligations necessitate that before it is too late I devote myself to three members as a committee to tell my profession to earn sufficient to edu-cate my children properly, to provide them comforts which they should have told Congress that the President would address both houses to-morrow. ture.
"While my interest in public affairs

address both houses to-morrow.

No previous message save those which had to do with the tierman crisis has been so closely guarded. Usually the message of the President intended for the reopening of Congress has been issued to the press associations and the massages are days in advance and will continue I do not again expect to Mr. Fitzgerald has been considering resigning his seat in Congress for several months and was on the verge of resigning at the end of the last session, but newspapers some days in advance and held subject to release. The President's he did not desire his intention known at ge this time, however, will not be Heads Most Important Committee.

> the Only Cabinet Knows Its Contents. Fear of another "leak" is said to be one of the reasons for this, the times being such that it was deemed inadvisable to take any chances whatsoever it advance of its deliverance. Only mem bers of the Cabinet have the slightest knowledge of its actual contents. A spirit of confidence apparently per-

legislation was drawn in the Appropriations Committee amounted to several billions of dollars. Mr. Fitzgerald steered this great money legislation on its course through the House.

The retirement of Mr. Fitzgerald is a body blow to the Democratic organization in the House, as he was regarded by many as the real leader of the majority. Representative Kitchin, the nominal leader, has differed so radically with the Administration on some of its most important measures that his influence actuality was less than was that of the vades Congress. Returning members exchanged views with declarations of in-creased determination to lend every aid in vigorous conduct of the war. The leaders predicted that legislation would be confined largely to war measures, as the President is understood to desire. Senator Martin, Democratic leader it

time for other than war problems, and Representative Kitchin, the House floor leader, announced after informal confer-ences with colleagues that he was disposed to favor the plan. The understanding, however, is that the first few money measures which have been acted on in Congress in the last few years. It has been the rule and the custom in sessions by the pre-

A war time aspect was given to-day's essions by the presence of many uniformed men among the spectators in the crowded galleries and of women

on their Congressional duties in the House — Representative Lufkin of Massachusetts, elected to succeed Augustus P. Gardner, who resigned to enter the army; Merritt of Connecticut, elected to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Representative Ebenezer Hill, and Beshiin, elected from the Twenty-eighth district of Pennsylvania fill a vacancy. The first two name Republicans and Mr. Beshlin listed as a Democrat and Prohibitionist.

Time for Sacrifice, Says Kitchin. Majority Leader Kitchin volunteered the prediction that the duration of the war depended in large measure on the degree to which the ordinary man accepts the financial sacrifices which he

NSISTS THAT JOHN D.

PAY BIG TAX IN OHIO

Threat Made to Assess Oil

King on \$400,000,000.

"I believe that any man who is swell off in this world's goods after the termination of the war as he was a the beginning ought to give the balance of his earnings to his country. The

Even before the formal meeting to-day

Treaty Barring Pope Was Known to Vatican.

ROME, Dec. 3 .- An authoritative statement to-day said a secret treaty between Italy and the Allies, excluding the Pope from interference in the war, and given out by the Russian Bolshe-vik Government, already was known to the Vatican. The Osservatore Romano, the

Vatican organ, significantly comments that it reserves its dis-

BILLS TO REPEAL

Another Measure to Levy on Congressmen's Incomes Also Offered.

EXEMPTION AT

Instalment Payments on

nue measures among his constituents by introducing a measure to repeal the present excess profits section and sub-stitute a revised list of percentages on incomes subject to the tax.

law is expected to recommend either that the Commissioner of Internal Revenue, through proper legislation, get greater power in reaching a determination of what shall constitute capital or that the obnoxious definition of capital in the law be repealed and a new and lairs of definition substituted.

othing and the demand for heavy loans from banks would be prevented

mocracy spent \$60.540 to reelect Mayor Mitchel. According to former Senator Thomas C. Whitlock, chairman, about \$45,000 was expended for the mainteying knitting needles during the open-g ceremonies.

Three new members formally entered

and the like, and \$15,000 "for workers and watchers at the polls on election

Men in France Send Thanks for Smokes.

A PAEAN of praise! The phrase isn't new, but it comes over from France and raised by the soldiers who ceived tobacco in THE SUN'S distribution of November 10-14. Read these genuine thanks, and if you have not given something, be it only a certificate, do it now and feel warm about the heart

like your friends who did give. ing, a military ball for soldiers by soldiers. The first one to set the fashion will be held on Christmas Eve at the Hotel An-sonia, and THE SUN is going to help make the dance a great suc-

This week is full of events that have grown out of the spirit-ual side of giving which THE SUN keeps to the fore. The unique Little Club affair, with its auction, the tea concert at the Allerton House, the holiday ball at Palm Garden and others, smaller but just as important be-

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FLIERS CHASE BALLOON; 2 MEN ESCAPE DEATH

Big Gas Bag With Student Officers Is Runaway at Fort Sill, Okla.

Army Air Monster That Flew Off Day Before Lands After 400 Mile Escapade.

escapade of the region for the day, for To-morrow Senate and House will Longworth to Push Plan for already an army balloon had swept over three States from Fort Omeha, Neb. with its dragging anchor chains cutting a 400 mile gash before it finally landed

special despetch to Tes Sex.

General belief is that the President will not urge war upon the allies of Germany despite the widespread sentiment for such a declaration. Resolutions for a declaration of war upon Austria and Turkey, and perhaps Bulgaria, are known to have been prepared by several Senators but their authors have been prevailed upon to withhold them.

Funds for Army of 1,500,000.

The war budget apparently provides for the raising of an army of 1,500,000.

Excess Profits.

Special Despetch to Tes Sex.

Washington, Dec. 3.—The strong sentiment for the repeal of the excess profits tax on earned incomes brought out by a found for the cable. In an instant the car shot upward at a tremendous speed. The offending airplane landed safely save for butting into a fence, and a flock of other airplanes came to join in a mad chase for the fugitive balloon.

Up and up it went, pausing slightly at the 2,000 feet. The airplanes chased it madly. They hummed and circled like a lot of cowboys trying to rope and ite an lot of cowboys trying to rope and the anterion.

The second balloon sensation had many spectacul submitted to make Senstors and Representatives subject to the excess profits tax of 8 per cent. on all of their earned income above \$6,000 a year.

Representative Sinnott of Oregon introduced the measure to repeal the exception which removes Senstors and breeze furnishing the

The ambitious aviators tried to offer

a Zeppelin scare from the first bailoon which went wild. Nobody was on board. and when it slipped its anchor and went on its 490 mile flight, with motor cars and airplanes chasing it, the West had the thrill of its war life. The balloon was of the French type and carried 35, 000 cube feet of gas. It broke away late yesterday at Fort Omaha and swept southeast in a high wind toward Okla-

technics of an unearthly character. it, under the idea that a hostile air flee

it, under the idea that a nostile air fleet was at large.

After the gas bag got into Oklahoma, south of Klowa, Kan, a south wind came along and carried it back entirely across the State of Kansas and into Nebruska again. Just six miles southwest of Trenton, Neb., the big troublemaker got tired of its top and lofty antics and

EXPLOSIVES SEIZED IN SINN FEIN PLOT Countess Merkievicz's Scouts Reported Involved.

the boys landed from a steamer from him, severely injuring his head. His Androssan, Scotland, and were shadowed right shoulder and back also were badly by detectives to their destination, where the portmanteau was examined. It conenough explosives, it is said, to most of the public buildings in

The Countess Markievicz was a prominent figure in the Dublin revolt in 1916. She was sentenced to death, but the sen-

tence was commuted to penal servitude for life. Later she was released from und on the stairs.

AGAINST SAVAGE ATTACKS BY FOE SOUTH OF CAMBRAI MANY AMERICAN ENGINEERS From Gonnelieu to KILLED IN CAMBRAI BATTLE Marcoing.

BRITISH FORCES HOLD LINE

"ZEPP" SCARE IN WEST French Government Praises "Coolness, Discipline and Courage" of Improvised Combatants Who Dropped Shovels to Fight Germans.

> munication from the French Government to-night says many Americans were killed while fighting with the British troops when caught in the German encircling movement south of Cambral. High tribute is paid to the gallantry of the Americans in the communication, as follows:

We must remark upon the conduct of certain American soldiers, pioneers

and workmen on the military railroad in the sector of the German attack west of Cambral, on November 30. They exchanged their picks and shovels for rifles and catridges and fought with the English.

Many died thus bravely, arms in hand, before the invader. All helped to repulse the enemy. There is not a single person who saw them at work who does not render warm praise to the coolness, discipline and courage of these improvised combatants.

RUSSO-GERMAN DOUBTS IF U.S. SENDS BIG ARMY

Truces in Effect in Many Sec- Hindenburg Calls Transportators From the Pripet to South of the Lipa.

BOLSHEVIKI MEN ARRIVE WAR OFFERS PRETEXT

Peace Envoys Reach Field Ludendorff Says Contest Will Headquarters of Prince Leopold of Bavaria.

Benuin, via Amsterdam to London Dec. 2.-An actual armistice already is in operation in sections of the Russogreat headquarters reports to-day. The official statement said :

In many sectors of the Russian front a local armistice has been agreed to by several divisions. The Russian army in the region from the Pripet to south of the Lips and sevetal Russian general commands have decided upon a truce. Further negoflations are proceeding. Russian deputation has arrived at the com-mand of General Field Murshal Prince copold of Bavaria with the object of bringing about a general armistice. A Russian deputation crossed our lines yesterday to prepare the way with the plenipotentiaries of the allied (Teutonic) armies for an armistice on the whole of the Russian front.

mistice has been announced on many sectors of the Russian front, from division to division and from corps corps. In the Pripet region the Russian army concluded an official ar-mistice with the opposing command of the allied (Teutonie) troops.

Loyons Dec 2 - Russian genera tion had increased, especially on the northern and western (Russian) fronts in connection with the armistice nego-tiations entered into with the Bolshevikt. Russian headquarters also announces that the Russian torpedo boat Boitelyni was blown up by an enemy mine Thurs-

Bulgaria has decided to open negotia-Sofia despatch via Amsterdam.

LAY SENSELESS IN HOME FOUR DAYS James Reilly, Editor, Found Near Open Phone.

James Reilly, managing editor of the Wall Street Journal, was found unconactous yesterday morning in his home in Bidgewood, N J. where he had lain for four days and nights. At first it was thought that Mr. Reilly had been attacked by burglars, but upon recovering consciousness in the Paterson Hospital he related how he had felt an attack of

Mr. Relly managed to reach the telephone before he lost consciousness and litted off the receiver. Before he could cail for help, however, his senses left him and he fell. For four days the telephone lay with the receiver off the hook, and although the operator in the central office admitted he could hear Mr. Reilly's heavy breathing no report of it was

DUBLIN. Dec. 3.—The Evening Mail
says the police have seized a large quantity of high explosives which were being brought to Ireland from Scotland. It is stataed the explosives were found in a portmanteau carried by two boys who are described as being members of the Counters Georgina Markievicz's Boy Scouts, who landed at Heifast from Scotland Sunday morning.

One report of theseigure connects it with the sinn Felners. This report says the boys landed from a steamer from the says wife left for her mother's home up-State about two weeks ago and the clift of take his meals with them surface that it will be maintained. A surface that it will be maintained a surface that it will be maintained. A surface that it will be maintained. A surface that it will be maintained. A surface that it will be maintained a surface that it will be maintained. A surface that it will be maintained. A surface that it will be maintained. A surface that it will be maintained a surface that it will be maintained. A surface that it will be maintained that the surface that it will be maintained. A surface that it will be maintained that the surface that it will be maintained. A surfa made to the police.

Mr. Reilly's wife left for her mother's

On Saturday the wire inspector of the serted a notice under the front do

In the neighbor's house it was con In the neighbor's course in cluded that Mr. Reilly might be away visiting his wife, but when he failed to appear for breakfast resterday morning an investigation was made. Mr. Reilly wounds made by the telephone were

SMOKE TELEGRAPO CIGAR.
NEW CREATION—VERY MILD.
Park & Tillerd and everywhere—

German Drive Extended

BYNG IS REENFORCED

Enemy Said to Have Thrown Twenty Divisions Into Friday's Attack.

BERLIN MAKES CLAIMS

Reports Capture of 6,000 Prisoners and 100 Guns in Three Days.

WITH THE BRITISH ARMY IN FRANCE. Dec. 3.-The Germans to-day were making their second great attempt to break through the British defences in the Gonnelieu sector and pinch off the callent which Gen. Byng recently drove into the enemy territory a little further to the

against La Vacquerie, eight miles southwest of Cambrai, shortly before 9 o'clock in the morning and spread rapidly. Within two hours a heavy battle was in progress over a considerable front, from La Vacquerie southward toward Vendhuile, a front of more than five

The enemy was employing great forces of infantrs, which were sent for-ward under terrific artillery bombard-ments from a concentration of guns which the Germans had perfected since AMSTERDAM, Dec. 3.—Field Marshal By mon there were indications that the German onslaught might equal, if not surpass, in flerceness their drive which carried them through the British front south of Gonnelieu last Friday. Gonnelieu is in the centre of the presen

British Lines Standing Fast.

The British infantry and artillery had met the shock brilliantly and wer and the war is an opportune pretext grim hours of fighting. The Germans and the war is an opportune preceding the for this, as in peace times the difficulties would be too great to do it. Japan, too, would not have looked on with indifference.

Some peace times the difficulties approached La Vacquerie, from the east would be too great to do it. Japan, too, would not have looked on with peared that the attack was comparatively local. In their initial charge the comparative peace will send their enemy came up against a stone wall and they were forced to fall back. They kept coming in waves, however, and finally secured a footing in the town, bu

"Moreover the transport question would offer difficulties not less than supplies. German U-boats would be a further obtacle. "It certainly may be easy to build thousands of airplanes, as America has announced, but it is difficult to equip them. But whelves they may appear the Germans will not be wanting."

Gen. von Ludendorff, Hinday, chief of staff. immediately were ejected.

Intense righting at close quarters fol-

them. But wherever they may appear the Germans will not be wanting.
Gen. von Ludendorff, Hindenburg's chief of staff, is quoted in the same interview as saying that the war will interview as saying that the war will the British front if possible, regardless the British front if possible, regardless the British front if possible, regardless the British front if possible regardless.

For this counter offensive a great number of men are being employed by the Germans. Up to the latest report however, the reenforced British were meeting the onslaughts firmly and a

"Since the U-boat war gave America "Since the U-boat war gave America a project jo enter the war, this question as to generate the U-boat war was the right. Gen. Byng's troops carried out a small but important operation just southwest of Bourlon village last night. In which they reaccupied a section of a trench on high ground which the Germans had on high ground which of Feiday. The retaken in their push of Feiday. The British previously had regained virtually all of their old line west of Bourlon Wood, and the trenches recaptured last night were the ones which they held when the Germans made their

Hard fighting continued about Gon-nelieu, which the British recaptured. The British last night pressed near to the village of Villere-Guislain and alone the ridge southwest of that place, and their line now is fairly near the town. It is estimated that the Germans had about twenty divisions (280,000 men at maximum strength) for their assault on Friday, which, except for the first Ypres battle, is regarded as having been thei. heaviest attack on the British.

HINDENBURG IN FRANCE Field Marshal and Von Ludendors Fightigg British.

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BRITISH FRONT IN FRANCE, Dec. 3 reported that both Field Marsha Hindenburg and Gen von Ludendorft Chief of Staff, are in this section direc-ing the furious German counter attacks Of the twenty German divisions which have been used here since November 20 ten to twelve were used in the a of November 30. New one are

brought up daily.

Newly identified divisions are composed of troops hurried from Flanders Some of the divisions broken last month again. They are stiffened by draft from the Russian front or from recrui depots. We estimate that not fewer than 280,000 infantry alone are bein-employed in an effort to crush this su-

All the late reports confirm the extraordinary losses of the enemy. In the Bourlon Wood and Moeuvres area onmachine gun company fired 70,000 rounds into ten successive dense bodies of Germans, the range being 1,200 yards and the light good.

TEXT OF REPORTS.

London, Dec. 1.—Official reports of o-day's fighting follow: British (night)—From Gonnellou a

Threat Made to Assess Oil

Even before the formal meeting to-day the courts against "such injustice" if he were placed on the Cuyahoga county duplicate.

London, Dec. 3.—According to figures given out by the War Office to-night the properties on all fronts in the Estitah captured on all fronts in the Lamperle mid if Rockefeller contests the assessment he will be placed on the courts of the captured on the contests of \$400,000,000 and a continuation of the old fight to assess the all king for all his wealth will be carried to the courts.

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cussion for an opportune time.

Excess Profits.

ception which removes Senators and Representatives from the effect of the tax. The bills for the repeal of the section were introduced by Representa-tives Mott and Snyder, both of New

fairer definition substituted.

Under the present definition it has developed that entire classer of business, such as banks, are subject to taxation based on a much smaller capital than they possess. Their net income is made to appear to be a large percentage of their invested capital, wiscess if the actual capital employed in the business were considered the net income would fairer definition substituted.

The recommendations from the example of the profits advisory committee are to be acted on Guring the present month, it chain caught telephone wires, telegraph wires and housetops, putting conversation and messages out of the question and messages out of the question the country folk a real scare.

to under present conditions.

It is understood the Treasury De-partment favors the plan which would Barns lost their roots, and when the permit the issue of notes by the Treas-metal anchor went rattling over railthese notes to be payable by the eight months. The Treasury could lose

\$60.540 in Brooklyn for Mayor. The Brooklyn Branch of the City De-

Something new in dance giv-

heart. They are enumerated on page 4.

tion or publication. It employs no agents or solicitors.

FORT Stal., Okia., Dec. 3.-Two student officers taking their first lessons in observation from a captive balloon suddenly shot upward 3,000 feet to-day when an airplane crashed into the cable controlling the captive cas and severed the slender tie that bound it to the drums below. It was the second balloor

introducing a measure to repeal the present excess profits section and substitute a revised list of percentages on incomes subject to the tax.

It was learned to-day from a member of the House Ways and Means Committee that the advisory committee on excess profits named by Secretary McAdoo to assist in drawing up regulations for the administration of that section of the Scores of towns in three States had a Zeppelin scare from the first bailoon which went wiid. Nobody was on board.

Lieut, M. R. Smith of the balloon service ran over to Kansas City to see if the Weather Bureau could throw any light upon the probable intentions of the fugitive. With the weather man he such a small percentage of it that traced the day's air currents and made t would not be subjected to any excess up his mind that if something did not happen the French visitor would eventually land in Texas profits advisory committee are to be in the meantime the dragging anchor

is understood, in order that the changes which would be made may be applied to taxes on the present calendar year.

Representative Longworth of Ohio is preparing to push the plan to provide for paying the excess profits tax in instalments. The organization of some lousiness concerns, particularly manufacturing concerns, is such that while they are putting much of their cash life.

Newton, Kan, was the worst bit of Newton, Kan, was the worst bit of Newton, Kan, was the worst hit of day extensions to their plants for the Government's war purposes, their available that their taxes will amount to under present conditions.

any of the places reporting to the army. It was almost midnight when the balloon carb is less than their taxes will amount to under present conditions.

The cable was snapping up trees, breakway tracks streams of sparks followed

Ticastown came in for a big fright. The natives could not decide whether a cyclone was passing or a comet had landed. Finance, when the balloon came in sight, the backwoodsmen got their squirrel rifles and went to ningging at

Oublin. It is further asserted that one how had despatches inside his coat linthe hook for three days. A telephone inspector was sent to the house, but instead of trying to enter he simply in-

Dutch Commissioner Home Again. HELDER, Holland, Sunday, Dec. 2.— Joest van Vollenhoven, head of the Dutch Commission to the United States, arrived here to-day aboard a Dutch warship from the United States.

End in Decision for Central Powers.

tion and U-Boats In-

view with the Vienna Neue Freie Presse, German front, a bulletin f: m German still discounts the entry of the United States into the war. The German Field Marshal is quoted as making an ironical reference to "American advertising methods," adding: "It is certain that the United States is making efforts to create a big army.

The Americans hardly will send their newly created army into Europe at once, as by doing so their own country would be rendered helpless in case Japan should show a sudden inclination to square up old accounts with America.

interview as saying that the war will said in a decision for the Central Powers. He does not base this belief so much upon the Russian situation as upon the Russian situation as upon the general trend of events. He assured an atmistice would be of advantage solely to the Entente, while Germany would be able to receive no supplies during the interruption of sub-marine warfare.

Germany Are Using Reserves.

Asked whether the western European Powers without the prospect of Amer-ica's assistance would not in the mean-time have been forced to conclude peace Gen. von Ludendorff said. noticy. Regarding this my conviction is unchanged. The U-boat war is right. It has accomplished what we expected

was not a question of starving Enging her inclined toward peace.

"The supreme army command intended by means of the submarine war to cause not so much special but gen-eral effects, and especially as regards England—to cut off her very important supplies of coal.

Thinks Little of Bolsbevik Offer. "How effective the campaign has been this respect is proved by the report the chief of the German field railways that the allied troops in Italy need no other supplies than coal. The scar-city of British tonnage is also proved by | Ergiand's inability to import Australian'

to be inclined for peace. I will not say that I regard the Bolshevik manifestation as a peace offer. There must be a secure government for this purpose, one which possesses power to enforce internally and externally the results of the negotiations with us. Of course conclude an armistice with Ru

a war of peoples, not of armies, and a war ends now when an enemy people is defeated. There are no decisive battles, as in former wars. The battles merely have an indirect influence on the whole national system, inducing decay and col-

The correspondent says he gained the impression that Field Marshal von Hin-denburg and Gen. von Ludendorff desire a peace which will create conditions security and stability so far as possible; one which will bring with it secure fron-tiers and free economic activity on land One More Russian Blow Possible.

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Field Marshal von Hindenburg gave to
the correspondent his opinion that no
more military activity on a large scale
could be aspected from it.
He thought it possible, however, adds
the correspondent, that "some despot or
other like Grand Duke Nicholas might

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